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TO:	All Child Nutrition Program Sponsors County Superintendents of Schools Diocesan Superintendents of Schools	ISSUE DATE: March 2002
ATTENTION:	Food Service Directors	
SUBJECT:	2002-2003 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Child Nutrition Programs	
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This Management Bulletin provides the Child Nutrition Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines effective July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003.

These guidelines shall be used by schools, institutions, and facilities participating in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, Child and Adult Care Food, and the Summer Food Service Programs to determine eligibility benefits. The guidelines are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

If you have any questions, please contact your Nutrition Services Division Representative directly, or the Field Services Unit at (916) 323-4558 or (800) 952-5609.

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**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK
In Child Nutrition Programs
(Effective from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003)**

Children from households with incomes at or below the following levels
may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals or free milk.

FREE ELIGIBILITY SCALE				REDUCED-PRICE ELIGIBILITY SCALE		
Lunch, Breakfast, Milk				Lunch, Breakfast		
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEAR	MONTH	WEEK	YEAR	MONTH	WEEK
1	\$11,518	\$ 960	\$ 222	\$16,391	\$1,366	\$ 316
2	\$15,522	\$1,294	\$ 299	\$22,089	\$1,841	\$ 425
3	\$19,526	\$1,628	\$ 376	\$27,787	\$2,316	\$ 535
4	\$23,530	\$1,961	\$ 453	\$33,485	\$2,791	\$ 644
5	\$27,534	\$2,295	\$ 530	\$39,183	\$3,266	\$ 754
6	\$31,538	\$2,629	\$ 607	\$44,881	\$3,741	\$ 864
7	\$35,542	\$2,962	\$ 684	\$50,579	\$4,215	\$ 973
8	\$39,546	\$3,296	\$ 761	\$56,277	\$4,690	\$1,083
For each additional family member, add:						
	+ \$4,004	+ \$334	+ \$77	+ \$5,698	+ \$475	+ \$110

- **BOTH** of the above scales must appear in the Sample Media Release
- **ONLY** the Reduced-Price Eligibility Scale may appear in the Letter to Households (for those schools participating in the National School Lunch Program).
- **ONLY** those schools that participate in the Special Milk Program and offer free milk should publish the free eligibility scale in both the Sample Media Release and the Letter to Households.

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